

Sidney Job Service Employers' Committee <u>Meeting Minutes</u> February 20, 2007

Employers Attending

Sharon Nelson Sidney Sugars

Lisa Brittingham Office of Public Assistance

Renee Goss Sidney Public Library

Stacie Olson Guest, New Member, Sidney Sugars

Zadena Kingland Guest, New Member, OPA – WORC Program

Jeri Chapman Sidney Health Center Amy Blehm Sidney Health Center

Job Service Staff Attending

Vernette Torgerson

Minutes from last meeting:

Lisa moved and Renee seconded a motion to accept the minutes as they stand. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon reported the checking account currently has a balance of \$2, 543.95 and the savings account currently has a balance of \$603.47.

Old Business

A. Steve Beck – Advertising has started. The heads up cards were mailed last week and press releases went out last week. The Sidney Herald and The Roundup have both printed the press release. Also the poster and press release were sent to the Community Notes for Williston TV station.

The advertising that has been sent out was passed around along with posters. The newsletter will be sent out this week along with brochures. The week before reminders will be sent with posters. Most advertising will be done through email. Only around 100 businesses will receive anything in the mail. Also heads up cards were sent to out of town businesses who attended last fall.

Food needs to be finalized. Vernette will contact Judy today to get things finished. She will also have them contact Amy at the hospital.

Tables will need to be arranged Sunday afternoon on the 18th. It shouldn't take long.

New Business

A. Election of a Chair – Discussion occurred around having a Chair for the meetings. It was decided that Vernette would continue to Chair/Coordinate until the group is a bit bigger.

- B. JSEC Conference The state conference was reviewed. A discussion occurred around having one of the speakers, Jeannie Bender, Employment Law, come to Sidney for a presentation. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- C. Future Training Along with the discussion of Jeannie presenting it was discussed having two to three small afternoon trainings this summer and following up with a larger presentation again in the fall. A review of the last training survey indicated that a technical training maybe a targeted area. The Library is working with Dawson to have computer classes right at the library. This issue was tabled until the next meeting to determine the best way to work with and build off of.
- D. Scholarship It was discussed if we would like to offer a local scholarship. It was decided to wait until a later time when more funding would be available to offer an annual scholarship.
- E. By-Laws A draft was passed around and some discussion occurred over the by-laws. Suggested changes are to have no set number of committee members, have an annual election for chair, vice-chair and treasurer each year at the December meeting, and to have a quarom be the number of members present. Changes will be made and a draft sent out. It was also decided that along with the draft a notation reading "if no further changes are brought, the draft will be voted into place at the next meeting."

Next Meeting

Meetings were decided to be set for the third Thursday of each month at the Country Club. Next meeting will be March15th, 2007, at noon.